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CARBON NANOWALL, AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING
CARBON NANOWALLS

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.98 and pursuant to Applicant duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the following documents cited in the Japanese Office Action in a counterpart foreign application and listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which Applicant is aware.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the Japanese Office Action citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the Office Actions indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Further, English-language abstracts are attached to the references.

The enclosed documents are (1) Office Action of Japanese patent application No. 2005-513488 issued on September 26, 2006, (2) its partial translation, (3) its cited reference Nos. 11-067490, 2003-173980, and 2001-81570 (4) and an article by Takashi Hirao, et al.

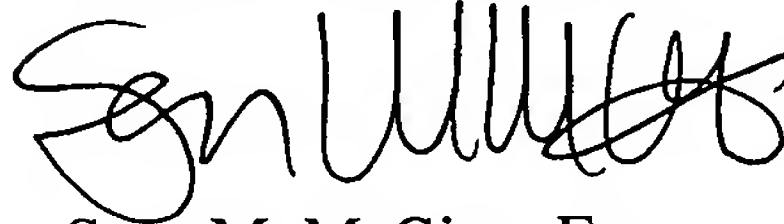
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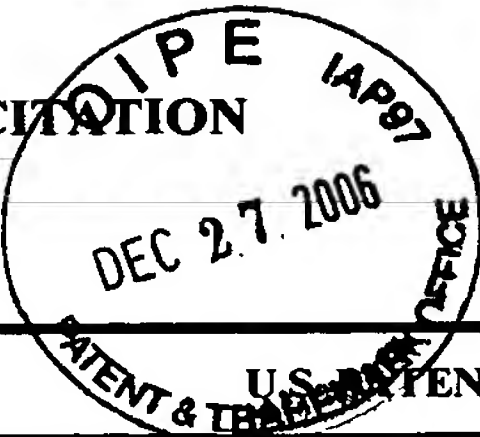
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		Office Action of Japanese Patent Application No. 2005-513488, with partial English translation						
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